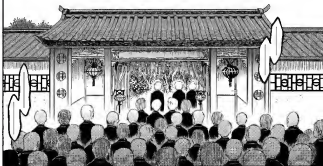


Chapter 17 Reunion





OF
COURSE,
IT
PROBABLY
JUST
SEEMS
THAT WAY
BECAUSE
I ONLY
KNEW
ONE SIDE
OF HIM.



UNTIL A
FEW DAYS
AGO, HE
WAS
JUST THE
MANAGER
OF A
LITTLE
VIDEO
RENTAL
SHOP...

SURE IS
A GRAND
FUNERAL.



WHEN I
RECALL
THE LAST
WORDS
MANOME-
SAN SAID
TO ME,
THIS OVER-
BLOWN
FUNERAL...

SEEMS
SO
TERRIBLY
EMPTY.

GOING
TO DIE
SOON?

DID
MANOME-
SAN KNOW
THAT HE
WAS





I HEARD
YOU WERE
BY
MANOME'S
SIDE WHEN
HE DIED.

WE HAD
HEARD
ABOUT
YOU FROM
MANOME.

I'M
YAKUMO.

THIS
IS OUR
GROUP'S
PRESI-
DENT.

HELLO.
I'M ARI
GO-
HONGI.

P-PRESI-
DENT...

O-
OH...













YOU'RE
NOT JUST
GOING WITH
THE FLOW,
ARE YOU?



BUT
I WON'T
LEAVE
BECAUSE
OF IT.

...I WAS
SCARED
AND I'M
STILL
SAD



I'D
APPE-
CIATE
THAT

THAT
MEANS
YOU
SHOULD BE
ABLE TO
LIVE IN
PEACE FOR
A WHILE.



HE?



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YAMINO-SAN
AND THE
PRESIDENT
PLAN TO DO,
BUT I'M
GONNA LAY
LOW FOR A
WHILE. HE
PROBABLY
WILL, TOO.

WELL,
DRAGON'S
BEARD IS
PROBABLY
WAITING TO
SEE WHAT
WE'LL DO
SINCE
THEY
KILLED
MANOWA.





IN FACT,
THEY'LL
BOTH
PROBABLY
TRY TO
CUT TIES
WITH THE
MAFIA.

IF SHE
CAN MEET
HER
BROTHER,
MEI
WONT
HAVE ANY
REASON
TO STAY
IN THE
MAFIA.

UNTIL SHE
DOESN'T
NEED ME
ANYMORE.

YOU PLAN
TO LOOK
AFTER MEI
FOREVER?

I'M
NOT
JUST
GOING
WITH
THE
FLOW.

SO UNTIL
SHE GETS
BORED
WITH YOU.
JUST LIKE
A TOY.





I HAVE
TO HELP
HER DO
THAT.

AND
INTO
THIS
ONE.

THIS
MIGHT
BE THE
CHANCE

TO GET
MEI OUT
OF THE
MAFIA'S
WORLD



...IF ONLY
I HAD A
SOURCE OF
INFO ON
DRAGON'S
BEARD...



SOMEONE
WITH
DRAGON'S
BEARD!

...THAT'S
IT! I DO
KNOW
SOME-
ONE!









IT'S A LITTLE INFECTED BUT YOU'RE YOUNG, SO IT SHOULD HEAL FAST.



YEAH, I WAS CLOSE BY.



...HE WAS SUCH A FOOL.

HE WAS JUST RUNNING A LAZY LITTLE RENTAL-SHOP AND HE ENDED UP GETTING KILLED









...YOU
WOULDN'T?
IS IT
TOO
GROSS?

NO, IT'S
NOT
THAT...
BUT
WOULDN'T
IT HURT?



NAH,
COULDN'T
BE.



...WHAT IS
THIS? IT
ALMOST
FEELS
LIKE...









I'LL
FIND A
WAY TO
MEET RAI
MYSELF

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
DO THAT,
GOHONGI.



I DON'T
WANT
THAT.



AND I'M
SUPPOSED
TO JUST
WATCH
AND DO
NOTHING??

IF MEI
TRIES
TO SEE
RAI BY
HERSELF,
IT'LL PUT
HER IN
DANGER.

WHAT'S
WITH
THOSE
TWO.



GO
COOL-
YOUR
HEAD



THAT'S
HIS JOB!



IF HE'S
NOT A
BAD
GUY,
THEN
TALKING
TO HIM
CAN'T
HURT!

I'M NOT
TOTALLY
USELESS,
YOU
KNOW.



HEY
THAT'S
RIGHT!

WHEN
DOES HE
THINK
HE'S...
WELL, IF
THERE
ARE NO
PEOPLE
THERE,
I'LL
TALK TO
HIM.



HE'S
REALLY
UN-
STABLE.
IS HE
CRAZY?

MOBILE
WORLD



HOW
DID I
END UP
HERE?

You're
joining, so
we'll all
give you
some
special
services!

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interested
in some
girls?



WHAT'RE
YOU
LOOKING
FOR? A
MAG-
GARD? A
BATH?

HE
CARES
BOTH
WHEN I
MOVE!



WHAT'RE
YOU DOIN'
IN A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS?
HUH?!

HEY,
YOU'RE
AKI-CHAN!



HUH?!

NO,
I DON'T
NEED
EITHER!
SORRY!



SHE JUST
GAVE ME
A REAL-
BARFUL.

...I
HEARD
YOU
KNOW
KAZUKI-
SAN.



I GUESS I
SHOULDN'T
ASK, HUHP
WAAAA-
HAAAA!

OH, HE
STINKS
UP
AGAIN!

PLEASE,
STOP IT!



YOU'RE
KAZUKI'S
SWEET
LITTLE
AKI-CHAN,
AFTER
ALL.

HEY, I
WOULDN'T
GET MAD
AT YOU
JUST FOR
CHATTING
OUT HERE
LIKE THIS.



SHE'S
SUCH AN
IDOT.

SHE
USED
TO BE A
GOOD-
LOOKING
WOMAN.

BUT SINCE
SHE DECIDED
TO DEDICATE
HERSELF TO
THAT PUMBASS
GUY, SHE
TURNED INTO
AN OLD HAG.



ALL SHE EVER
USED TO TALK
ABOUT WAS
AKI-CHAN THIS,
AKI-CHAN THAT!
THAT'S HOW I
REMEMBERED
YOUR NAME!

WE
WOUND
UP IN
DIFFERENT
GROUPS,
BUT WE'LL
NEVER BE
RID OF
EACH
OTHER.



IT'S A
GREAT
PLACE!
FULL OF
PRETTY
GIRLS!!
FOLLOW
ME!!

OH,
UH,
I'M...



I'LL
TAKE YOU
TO MY
BUDDY'S
BATH
PARLOR!

AKI-CHAN,
A LOT OF
THE
PLACES
HERE WILL
TRY TO RIP
YOU OFF



WELL,
ENOUGH
ABOUT
THE
PAST.

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MAYBE
HE'LL GIVE ME
INFORMATION
ON DRAGON'S
BEARD.

...BUT IF I
CAN MAKE
FRIENDS
WITH HIM
HERE,



